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55/246. Organizational arrangements for the Thematic Committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/195 of 20 December 2000, in which it decided that the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) should have a plenary, an ad hoc committee of the whole and a thematic committee, the details of which were to be worked out at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the special session,

Decides to adopt the organizational arrangements for the Thematic Committee contained in the annex to the present resolution.

97th plenary meeting
21 March 2001

Annex

Organizational arrangements for the Thematic Committee

1. The Thematic Committee shall hold five meetings, as follows:

Wednesday, 6 June 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, 7 June 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 8 June 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2. The five meetings shall focus on the two main themes of the Habitat Agenda:[1] "adequate shelter for all" and "sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world".

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

3. The Bureau of the Thematic Committee shall consist of one Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and one Rapporteur. The Chair of the Thematic Committee shall be assisted by facilitators who are representatives of Member States.

4. The Thematic Committee shall be open to Member States, observer States and observers, entities of the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions with expertise in the subject matter of the special session, and accredited Habitat Agenda partners.

5. To facilitate the presentations, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in consultation with Governments and accredited Habitat Agenda partners, shall be entrusted with the selection of thematic experiences. Submissions may come from the full range of Governments of Member States and accredited Habitat Agenda partners. Presentations may be made only by members of governmental delegations or accredited Habitat Agenda partners.

6. The Chair of the Thematic Committee shall present a summary of the deliberations at the concluding plenary meeting of the special session.